

"We have never had a national discussion about what space means to our economy," he said. "Space is a \$19 billion global industry growing at 22 percent a year."

He suggested the industry's impact on Alabama is limited only by the workers the state can supply.

"We need more young people interested in space, engineering and math," he said.

George pointed out Everett's contributions to the area that go beyond his commitment to the military.

"Downtown, he helped us get the money," George said, of the construction boom and renovations going on in Montgomery. "Much of that money came from federal grants that he has been very supportive of. He has been an advocate for the expansion of the airport."

Everett said he has supported the state's agriculture industry, what he called its biggest economic factor, in Congress.

He said he made sure those interests were protected in the recent farm bill.

George said the congressman has been a friend to the chamber and area businesses.

"Terry has been very responsive to the business community," he said. "We think he has done a great job."

TRIBUTE TO DR. STEVEN J. DeTERESA

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that Dr. Steven J. DeTeresa will soon complete his detail to the Committee on Armed Services of the United States House of Representatives.

Dr. DeTeresa was detailed from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) to the Committee on June 1, 2005. He received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and his Master of Science and Ph.D. in Polymer Science and Engineering from the University of Massachusetts. Dr. DeTeresa worked as visiting scientist for the Institute Donegani in Novara and the University of Naples, Italy; as a research fellow for the University of Massachusetts; and in various research and project management positions at LLNL for the past 20 years.

Dr. DeTeresa has over thirty-five years experience in leadership positions and in conducting independent research and development projects for defense and commercial applications of materials. He is an expert in the mechanics of materials, structure-mechanical property relationships, fundamental aspects of aging and long-term behavior, process science, and failure analysis and modeling.

Dr. DeTeresa has made great contributions to the work of our committee, the Armed Forces of the United States, and the American people during the past three years. Dr. DeTeresa came to work for Congress voluntarily to help his country during a time of war. During his time here, he has been a scientific and technical advisor to the Chairman and to the Committee on Armed Services. He has conducted critically important work for the country on force protection issues such as ve-

hicle and body armor, counter-IED or improvised explosive device technologies, and persistent surveillance technologies. He also has been an essential member of our Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Staff.

On behalf of the House of Representatives and the Armed Services Committee, let me personally thank Dr. DeTeresa for his service to the Nation and to the men and women of our Armed Services. I wish the best for him, his wife Patti, and their children Catherine and Peter.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, due to important business in my district, I was unable to be in Washington, DC, on September 22 and the morning of September 23.

Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes:

Monday, September 23, 2008—

Yes, H.R. 6685—To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron working training program for Native Americans (Rep. LYNCH—Natural Resources).

Yes, H.R. 1907—Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program Act (Rep. SAXTON—Natural Resources).

Yes, H.R. 6853—Nationwide Mortgage Fraud Task Force Act of 2008 (Rep. MEEK—Judiciary).

Tuesday, September 23, 2008—

Yes, Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 5244—The Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2008 (H. Res. 1476).

Yes, H. Res. 1476—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5244—The Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2008.

Yes, S.J. Res. 45—Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact (Sen. LEVIN—Judiciary) Suspension bill.

TRIBUTE TO THE WINNEBAGO SCOUT RESERVATION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Winnebago Scout Reservation on its 50th anniversary. The Winnebago Scout Reservation is located near Marble Rock, Iowa and serves over 4,500 people per year.

In 1954, the need for scouting programs exceeded the capacity of the 25 acre campsite, Camp Roosevelt, in Ventura, Iowa. The Winnebago Boy Scout Council decided to build a new camp with three sites being considered. With the promotion of the Marble Rock location by the local scout leader and Executive board member, Arnold Staudt, the 450 acre lo-

cation in the Marble Rock area was selected as the new camp site.

The Winnebago Scout Reservation hosts many programs including Cub Scouts, Polar Bear Hunt, Spring Fling, Shooting Sports Weekend, and PALS. The camp also allows other public groups to reserve the grounds for their use.

Over the last 50 years, the Winnebago Scout Reservation has thrived at meeting the needs of area scouts and the surrounding community. I congratulate the Winnebago Scout Reservation on this historic anniversary. It is an honor to represent each scout member and the council staff in the United States Congress, and I wish the Winnebago Scout Reservation an equally storied future.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN LOUIS STOKES ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ELECTION TO CONGRESS

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary man, former Congressman Louis Stokes on the 40th anniversary of his election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Congressman's achievements and legacy continue to be celebrated through scholarship programs, building designations and many other initiatives that bear his name. In 1998, Howard University recognized Congressman Stokes with its designation of the Louis Stokes Health Services Library. On September 28, 2008, colleagues and friends will commemorate this important occasion at this state-of-the-art research facility on the University's campus in Washington, DC.

Congressman Stokes' historic election in 1968 marked the beginning of 30 years of distinguished service to the state of Ohio and the nation. His leadership as a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus; a member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee; his chairmanship on the Select Committee on Assassinations; chair of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; chair of the House Ethics Committee; service on the Iran Contra panel; and the legislative proposals that he successfully authored throughout his tenure in Congress, earned Chairman Stokes the respect of his constituents and the admiration of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

I have had the privilege of following in Congressman Stokes' footsteps with my service on the House Appropriations Committee, specifically the Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education. On the Labor, Health and Education Subcommittee, Congressman Stokes drafted the blueprint to end health disparities. Congressman Stokes' pioneering efforts as the first African-American to serve on the Appropriations Committee can be seen today in JIM CLYBURN, CAROLYN CHEEKS-KILPATRICK, CHAKA FATTAH, SANFORD BISHOP, BARBARA LEE, and me.

Congressman Stokes, I congratulate you and thank you for your leadership.